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In re Application of: Donald Gringer, et al.)
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 For: UTILITY KNIFE WITH PRESSURE)
 REDUCING SLOT)

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DECLARATION OF DONALD GRINGER

I, Donald Gringer, hereby declare that:

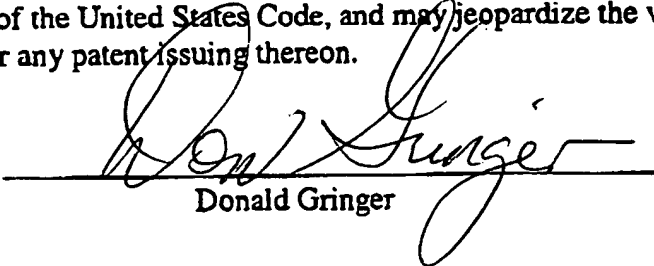
1. I am a joint inventor of the invention disclosed in the above-identified patent application. I currently reside at 800 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.
2. I make this Declaration to disclose information to the Examiner in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified application.
3. At least as early as March 14, 2000, I obtained a utility knife (the "Utility Knife") on which is indicated "Taiwan" and no other identifying marks.
4. I do not know or do not recall who made the Utility Knife or where the Utility Knife may be obtained.
5. I had a draftsman employed by me prepare computerized drawings approximating the structure of the Utility Knife. These drawings are attached as FIGS. 1-4.
- 6 FIG. 1 illustrates a top-down, cross-sectional view of a housing 10 of the Utility Knife; FIG. 2 illustrates a side-view of the Utility Knife; FIG. 3 illustrates a top-down, cross-sectional view of housing 10, button 11, and internal mechanisms 12 of the Utility Knife when the knife is in a retracted position; and FIG. 4 illustrates a top-down, cross-sectional view of housing 10, button 11, and internal mechanisms 12 of the Utility Knife when the knife is in an extended position.
7. As shown in FIGS. 1 and 3, when button 11 is in the retracted position, the button sits in a groove 13 and has a back-most resting position defined by point 14.

8. As shown in FIGS. 1 and 4, when button 11 is in the extended position, the button sits in groove 13 and has a back-most resting position defined by point 15. Because of the step in groove 13 provided at point 15, as long as button 11 is depressed by a user when at point 15, button 11 cannot be moved backward with respect to housing 10.

9. When button 11 shown in FIG. 4 is released from being depressed by a user, button 11 pops-up and then may be slid backward into the position shown in FIGS. 2 and 3.

10. I hereby declare that I understand the English language, and that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity or enforceability of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

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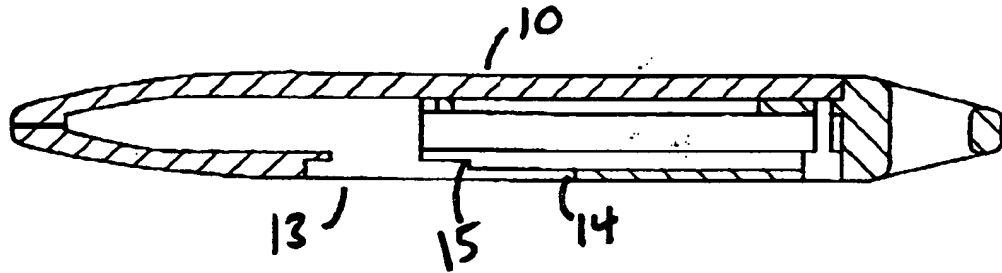


FIG. 1

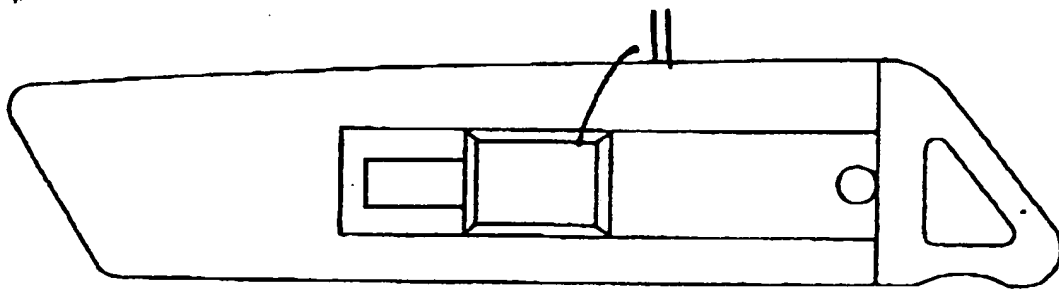


FIG. 2

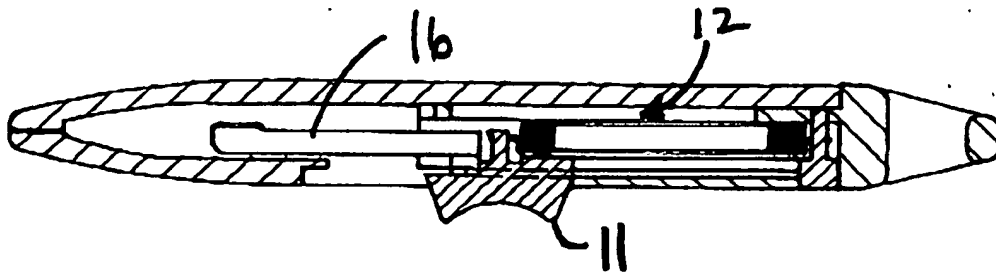


FIG. 3

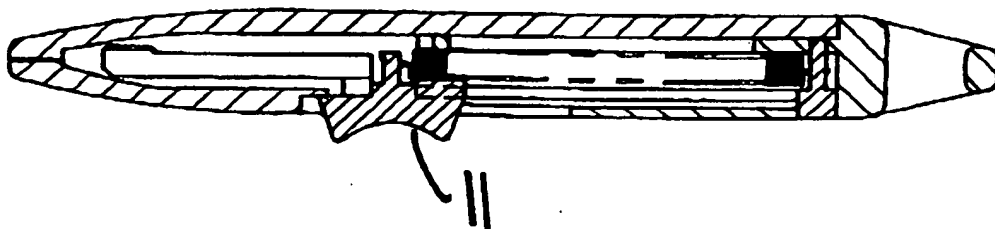


FIG. 4